| Sl. No. | Name of States / UTs | Total No. of Disstt. | Covered under CEP | Yet to be covered |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22. | Punjab | 17 | 1 | 16 |
| 23. | Rajasthan | 32 | 9 | 23 |
| 24. | Sikkim | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu | 30 | 18 | 12 |
| 26. | Tripura | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 13 | 2 | 11 |
| 28. | Uttar Pradesh | 70 | 7 | 63 |
| 29. | West Bengal | 18 | 8 | 10 |
| 30. | A & N Islands | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 31. | Chandigarh | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 32. | D & N Haveli | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 33. | Daman & Diu | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| | TOTAL: | 600 | 152 | 448 |

**Education to blind and handicapped students**

†1385. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present system for imparting education to the blind and handicapped students in the country;

(b) whether Government have made any arrangement for a nation-wide survey, to ascertain the total number of such students;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is an inadequate number of residential schools for blind students in States at present; and

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(e) if so, what effective steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Under the existing policy, the blind and handicapped students particularly with mild and moderate disabilities are given education in regular main stream schools. The disabled children including blind and handicapped are being encouraged to mainstream schools with the initiative of local community, teachers, State Governments as also under the District Primary Education Programme at primary level. This Department is also implementing a scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) for imparting education to mild/moderate disabled children including blind and handicapped and to bring them in to the normal school system. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment on their part also administers a scheme titled "Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities" in which assistance is given to voluntary organisations for taking up projects in the area of education (both formal and non formal), Training including vocational training and for rehabilitation services for the disabled.

(b) and (c) A column had been included in the census enumeration of 2001 to ascertain the number of disabled persons under each category of visual, speech and hearing, movement & mental impairment.

(d) and (e) Under the IEDC scheme, there is a provision for Hostel allowance to the disabled children including blind children

**Posts of OBC teachers in KVS**

†1386. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of teachers which were to be filled up by OBC candidates in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, during the last three years, year-wise, school-wise and category-wise;

(b) when and how these posts were filled up, school-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number of posts lying vacant as on 1st January, 2002, school-wise and category-wise and the reasons therefor; and

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